



## **Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report**

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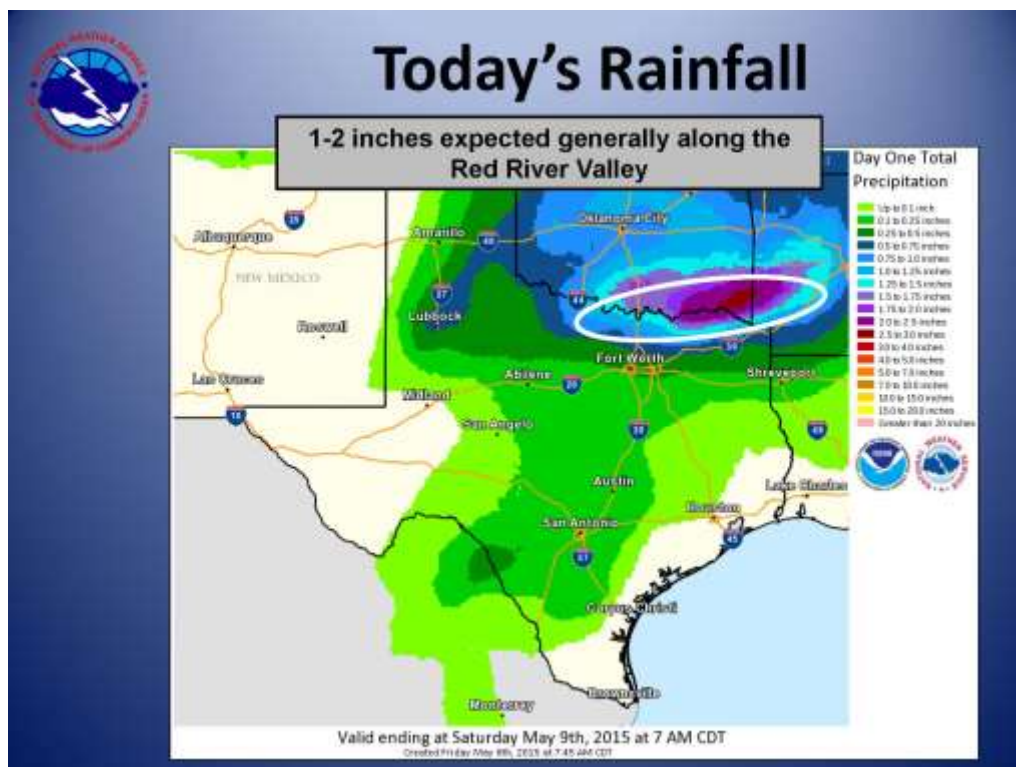
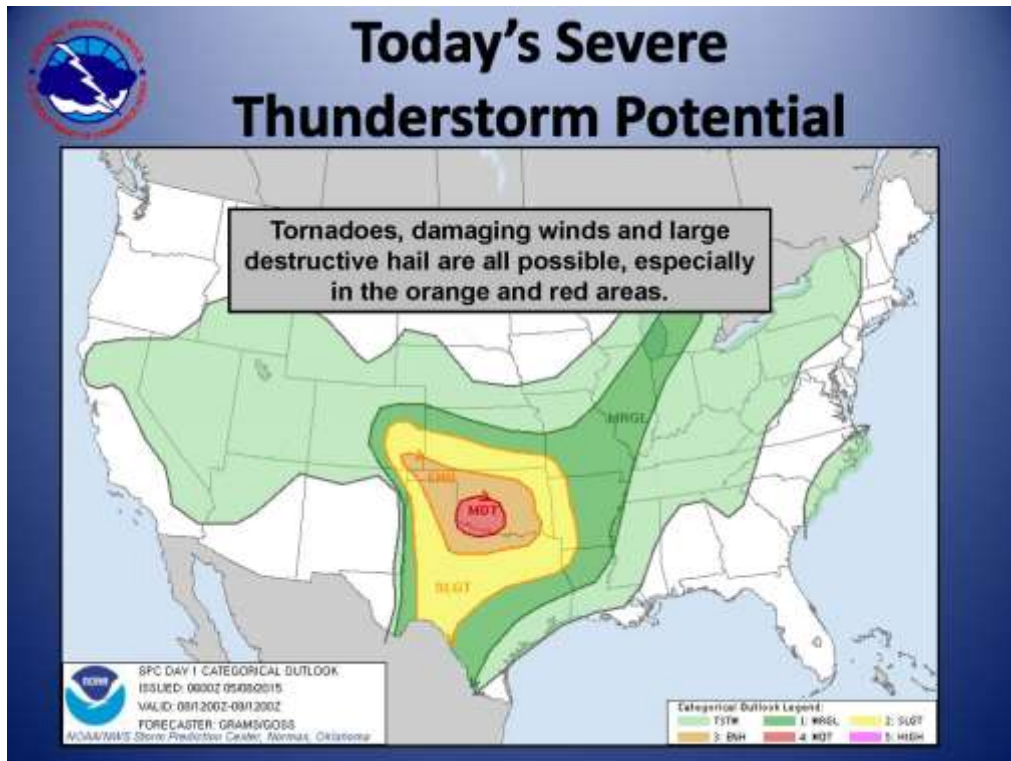
<b>Event Name</b>	8 May 2015 Severe Weather Event SITREP
<b>Date</b>	05/08/15
<b>Time</b>	1300
<b>Operational Period</b>	05/07/15 – 05/08/15
<b>Report Number</b>	1

<b>Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	
<b>DDCs Active</b>	1,2,4,5,6

### **STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:**

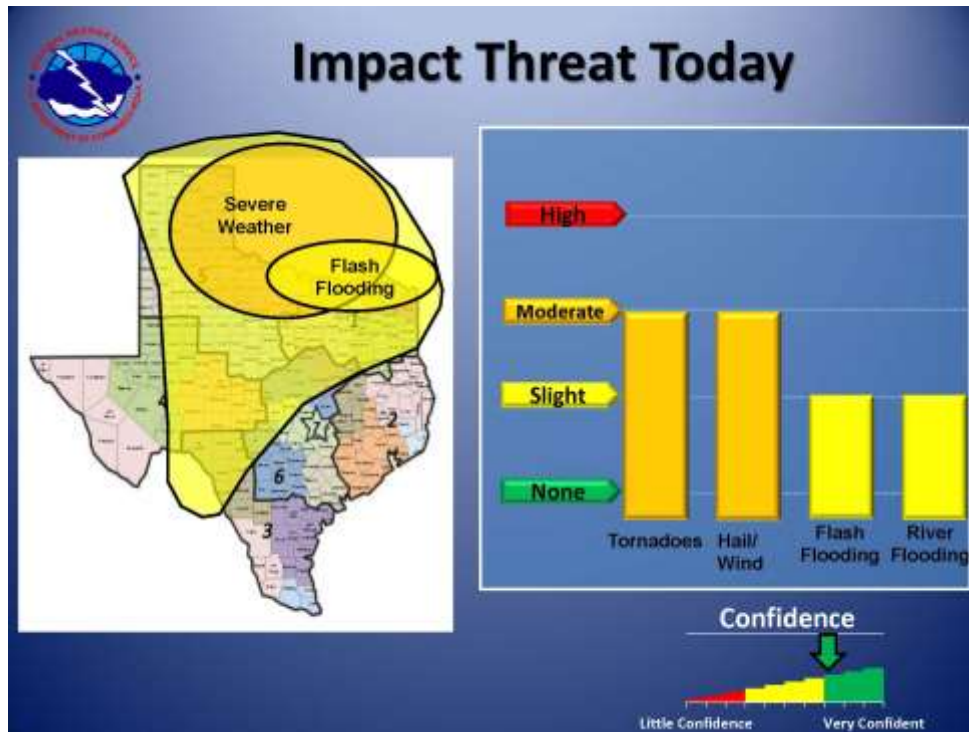
In response to severe weather conditions and to coordinate resource requests, the State Operations Center (SOC) increased its level of response to Level II – Escalated Response Conditions effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. State Emergency Management Council have sent state agency and volunteer agency representatives to the SOC to support resource requests. The SOC conducted a severe weather conference call with the National Weather Service Offices and state agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) this morning.

There is an enhanced risk for severe weather today into tonight. Tornadoes, damaging winds and large, destructive hail are all possible, especially in the orange and red shaded areas in the first graphic that follows. One to two inches of rainfall is forecast generally along the Red River Valley through Saturday, and additional flooding will impact tributaries of the along and east of IH35 for the next several days.



### OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

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1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.
5. Maintain communication with impacted local jurisdictions.

#### **Region 1** (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, 22)

**DDC 4 Hurst** (Includes Wise, Denton, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Hood, Erath, Johnson & Somervell Counties)

**Denton County:** Krum Fire Department (FD) reported downed trees and some damage to buildings.

**Parker County:** Damaging winds were reported from Peaster into Decatur. Damaging winds also were reported in Weatherford and Azle yesterday evening.

**Tarrant County:** Power outages have been reported in Grapevine due to lightning strikes.

**Wise County:** 1 Injury has been reported. Minor damage has been reported to 12 homes and property damage has been reported in the New Fairview neighborhoods along FM 2264 and County Road (CR) 4421. Mobile homes have been destroyed in Rhome. Damaging winds were reported in Decatur.

#### **DDC 22 Sherman** (Includes Cooke, Fannin & Grayson Counties)

**Cooke County:** Cooke County EOC was activated Thursday evening to respond to severe weather conditions. Two separate tornadoes were tracked on the ground, with one reported moving northeastward toward Valley View. Rotation was reported over Gainesville, resulting roof damage reported northeast of Gainesville. Tornado reported on the ground near Era. Significant flooding caused the shut down of two Farm-to-Market (FM) roads. An American Red Cross (ARC) rest area operations ended. NWS Dallas/Fort Worth reported 1 to 1 ¾ inch hail.

**Grayson County:** Grayson County EOC was deactivated at 1:52 AM (CDT). State Highway (SH) 377 is closed due to flooding.

#### **Region 4** (Includes DDCs 8, 9, 10)

**DDC 9 Midland** (Includes Gaines, Dawson, Borden, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Winkler, Ector, Glasscock & Midland Counties)

**Gaines County:** A Disaster Declaration has been submitted for Gaines County the city of Seagraves, due to heavy rains and flooding that impacted homes and an estimated 250,000 acres of agricultural land. American Red Cross has begun their Damage Assessments (roughly 40 homes that were affected with 10 persons displaced). Those that were displaced relocated with relatives. The Disaster Summary Outline (DSO) will be completed this afternoon and will be submitted this evening. US Foods has brought in food and will be distributing it at the Junior High School Gym. Additionally, they will deliver to those that cannot make it to the distribution site. Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) will be offering free tetanus shots to local residents. The city/county has started vector control throughout the town. The area is under a **Tornado Watch** and is expecting additional rains this evening and through the weekend. At this time, there are currently no unmet needs.

#### **Region 5** (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, 7)

**DDC 3 Wichita Falls** (Includes Hardeman, Wilbarger, Wichita, Cottle, Foard, Clay, Montague, Baylor, Archer, Young & Jack Counties)

**Clay County:** Clay County will be declaring a disaster due to transportation infrastructure damage. Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) District Coordinator Lubbock will be deploying to the area tomorrow to assist with a DSO.

#### **Other Storm Related Incidents**

##### **BNSF Train Derailment (Cooke County):**

Approximately 13 railcars and four locomotives derailed from a train in Cooke County. Diesel fuel from the locomotives may have leaked. Potential impact to a nearby creek. Contents of the railcars have not been determined.

Four crew members were transported to the Denton Regional Hospital, with only one reported to have been treated for non-life threatening injuries. The derailment occurred on a passenger route and delays are expected.

DFW Emergency Response staff are responding to the incident and will monitor impacts to water and the management of any releases.

**Gas Well Fire (Denton County):**

A Vantage Fort Worth Energy gas well was struck by lightning, which resulted in a fire and release of natural gas and produced/brine water. As of 2:56 AM (CDT), the fire was extinguished. Quantities released are unknown. The local fire department evacuated citizens in the immediate vicinity; status of evacuation is unknown. Impact to water in the state is unknown. The gas well is located near 2808 Westglen Drive, Denton, Texas. Boots and Coots was contacted to address the incident.

DFW Region Barnett Shale staff are responding and will evaluate impacts to air and water.

**RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS  
REPORTS**

**Texas Task Force 1 (TEEX):** Texas Task Force 1 has pre-staged State of Texas Swift Water Rescue boats and crews with Gainesville, Denton, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio Fire Departments; STRAC; and Washington County Emergency Medical Services (EMS). They also have a representative at the SOC.

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS):** All DPS Majors have been briefed and are monitoring the situation. Highway Patrol Officers are ready to assist where needed.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TFS):** TFS and All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) personnel have been notified that the SOC is activated to support response activities related to tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding. At this time, no requests have been made for TFS or AHIMT assets.

**Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (TPWD):** TPWD has the following resources on standby:

- Dallas/Fort Worth "Metroplex" area: 18 Wardens, 2 Captains, 2 Lieutenants - 9 Rescue Boats (flat bottom), 9 Patrol Boats on standby for immediate response. 20 Wardens with 10 Rescue Boats available within 2 hours' arrival time. Resources located throughout the Metro area.
- Statewide SAR Team has pre-deployed and staged 1 swift water boat and a 3 man crew for response in the Dallas/Fort Worth/Garland area.
- Southern Panhandle area: 14 Wardens, 2 Captains, 1 Lieutenant, 7 Rescue Boats (shallow draft) additional patrol boats on standby for immediate response. 10 Additional Wardens with 5 Rescue Boats available within 2 hours' arrival time. Resources located throughout the southern panhandle area.
- TPWD Region 6 has responded to minor flooding incidents in the Bowie area.
- Statewide SAR Team has pre-deployed and staged 1 swift water rescue boat and a 3 man team in Wichita Falls area.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT is assisting with tree clearing and debris removal in impacted areas. They also are assisting Johnson County with cleanup of downed trees and debris due to last week's storms.

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ activities are outlined below.



### **Updates to Potential Impacts to Water due to the Storm Event**

Several wastewater treatment plants (WWTP) and one Public Water System (PWS) has reported potential impacts to water due to the storm event. The DFW Region Office staff conducted follow up calls to the storm impacted areas to check on the status of WWTP and PWS systems located in the area.

#### **WWTP:**

The City of Valley View (Cooke County) WWTP is reporting that there is a power outage to the WWTP and a SSO, which is currently on-going, which has been contained into a nearby pond as of 0900. The power company is on site to restore the power. The region is working with the city to determine the environmental impacts caused by the SSO.

The City of Rhome (Wise County) WWTP is reporting a SSO of 15,000 gallons at the Westside plant due to the aeration basin overflowing. The city is currently equalizing the basin by cycling pumps. The region is working with the city to determine the environmental impacts caused by the SSO.

The City of Boyd (Wise County) WWTP is reporting a washout of their whole plant and sludge has entered the creek and into the Trinity River. The city is reporting that the WWTP washout was occurring at a rate of 316 gallons per minute (GPM) for the last 6.5 hours and is currently at a rate of 250 GPM. The city is monitoring the impacted creek and working to stop the washout.

The City of Sanger (Denton County) is reporting an 50,000 gallons SSO from their WWTP, which has been contained on site, however, the SSO is still ongoing. The WWTP did not lose power at any time and one pump is out service and is currently being repaired. The City is reporting that the inflow coming into the plant is more than the system is designed for.

#### **PWS:**

Coyote Ridge Addition (Wise County) is reporting that the well is down due to storm. The water system has an emergency interconnection with a nearby water system and is currently being supplied with water. The well company is on site to repair the well.

**Aviation Assets:** Three Blackhawk Helicopters with hoist capability are available; 3 in Austin and 1 in Martindale.

**Texas Military Forces (TMF):** TFS is monitoring weather conditions and is prepared to respond if needed.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The ARC had established a rest area operation for travelers stopped on IH35 in Cooke County, deactivated 01:38 AM.

**Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS):** DFPS is participating in the SOC potential severe weather activation; however, no internal Incident Management Teams (IMTs) are activated at this time and there has been no alteration to standard operations at this time. DFPS continues to monitor the situation closely.

**Texas Department of Criminal Justice Office of the Inspector General (TDCJ-OIG):** Texas Department of Criminal Justice has no unmet needs and has not experienced any damages or

flooding to its offices, units, or facilities. TDCJ-OIG personnel have been notified that the SOC is fully activated to support response activities related to past and potential severe weather outbreaks. At this time, no requests have been made for TDCJ-OIG assets.

**Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA):** TDHCA reported to the SOC for activation. TDHCA has received and responded to a general assistance request from the mayor of the City of Seagraves. TDHCA will continue to monitor the situation. TDHCA stands ready to respond to any additional assistance requests.

**American Red Cross (ARC):** American Red Cross has Damage Assessment Teams (DATs) in Cooke, Wise, Denton and Gaines Counties. Initial reports indicate damages to a small number of residences.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** DSHS is rostering the State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) personnel for weekend activation (currently on standby). DSHS will have a representative at the SOC 24/7. They are gaining situational awareness in the affected area (Health Service Region 2/3) and tracking incident costs. There are no unmet needs at this time.

**Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS):** DADS has reported to the SOC for the severe weather event activation and is monitoring the situation. They have not received any requests for assistance at this time.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** Health and Human Services Commission along with 2-1-1 is monitoring the situation. HHSC has 3 personnel at the SOC.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED

Agency	Resource Kind & Type	Quantity	Number of Personnel	Status	Resource Location
TPWD	Flat-bottom Boats	9	22	On Standby	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	Patrol Boats	9		On standby for immediate release	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	Rescue Boats	10	20	Available w/in 2 hours arrival time	Dallas-Fort Worth
TPWD	SAR Team	1	3	Pre-deployed & staged	Dallas-Fort Worth & Garland areas
TPWD	Rescue Boats (shallow-draft)	7	17	On standby for immediate release	Southern Panhandle area
TPWD	Rescue Boats	5	10	Available w/in 2 hours arrival time	Southern Panhandle area
TPWD	SAR Team	1	3	Pre-deployed & staged	Wichita Falls area
TPWD	SAR Team	2	6	Pre-deployed	DFW Metroplex and Wichita Falls
TPWD	Rescue Boats	2	6	Pre-positioned	Guadalupe County and Kerr County
TEEX/TTF1	Swift Water Rescue Boats and Crews			Identified	Gainseville, Denton, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio Fire

					<b>Depts., STRAC; and Washington County EMS</b>
<b>Aviation</b>	<b>Blackhawks w/hoist capability</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>Available</b>	<b>3 in Austin; 1 in Martindale</b>

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) increased its activation level to Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) effective at 7:00 AM (CDT) Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The SOC held a severe weather event conference call with the National Weather Service and State agency representatives at 10:00 AM (CDT) this morning. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at [www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/dem).*

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